

**REGULAR SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, September 12, 2016 (6:00 P.M.)**

The scheduled Regular Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Thompson on Monday, September 12, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioners Meeting Room in the Administrative Building. Member of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes and Commissioners Stan Stalnaker, Robert Setters, Donnie Hester, Buck Rigdon and Greg Wood.

Commissioner Donnie Hester gave the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag.

**Minutes:** Motion approving the minutes of August 2, 2016 Workshop Session, August 8, 2016 Regular Session and Executive Session was made by Vice Chairman Hughes, seconded Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None

**ADDITION TO AGENDA:**

Appoint Voting Delegate for the Legislative Conference to be held at the end of September (J)

Motion to amend the Agenda to add this item under the letter “J” was made by Commissioner Setters, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**A. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Mike Tally with H & H Resources which is the firm that has been hired by Tift County to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is the final Public Hearing before it is sent to GEMA for approval. The City of Tifton, City of Ty Ty and City of Omega have also schedule their required Public Hearing. This plan developed to help Governmental Entities out with funding should a natural disaster occur in the jurisdictions.

The schedule Public Hearing was opened by the County Attorney.

Mr. Richard Golden was in the audience and he spoke stating he was in favor of the required updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

There were no further comments and the County Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

**B. Road Name Change from Jeffery Lane to Atwater Lane:** The County Clerk advised that a petition from Brian Atwater to change name of this road. All landowners have been notified by certified mail of the request and the time of the Public Hearing. It has been properly advertised in the Tifton Gazette.

The County Attorney opened the Public Hearing.

Richard Golden, 1882 Golden Road spoke in opposition to the Road Name Change. He owns property on that road and has owned it for 25 years. He also had the property rezoned some time back when there was talk with the City of Tifton to put in a transfer station in the area and that is why it was rezoned to Light Industrial. He would like to see it kept as Jeffery Lane.

The County Clerk advised that there is one piece of property on the road that is the Estate of John & Georgia Lee Thomas and is handled by Eunice Bryant in Atlanta. She responded from the letter she received by sending in a letter that read:

I vote no to change the name from Jeffery Lane to Atwater Lane. I would like to keep it Jeffery Lane.

Those in favor:

The County Clerk stated that Mr. Atwater did call today and said that he would not be able to attend the meeting today but did send in a statement that he wanted read at the Public Hearing:

Thank you for taking the time to review the name change on Jeffery Lane. I currently own a majority of the road frontage on Jeffery Lane. The road has been blighted for years with illegal dumping, vagrants, and other unsavory things. Code Enforcement has done a great job in keeping a watchful eye on the Road. I have seen and talked with Code Enforcement on Jeffery Lane and I would like to personally thank them. By changing to Atwater Lane I plan keeping the lane cleaned of all debris and mowed. Signed, Brian Atwater.

There were no further comments and the County Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

The County Manager advised the Board if they want to take action on this matter at this meeting we will need to amend the Agenda and add it under Item "K".

Motion was made by Commissioner Setters to Amend the Agenda and add the Road Name Change under the letter "K", seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

**C. Special Street Light Tax District for Deer Ridge Subdivision:** The County Clerk advised the Board that the Special Street Light Tax Ordinance requires this scheduled Public Hearing. Petition has been received from the majority of the residents in Deer Ridge Subdivision agreeing to make it a Street Light Tax District.

The County Attorney opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment and the County Attorney closed the Public Hearing.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to amend the Agenda and add the Special Street Light District under the letter "L", seconded by Commissioner Setter. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

**E. Motion to surplus a 1984 Suburban and a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria from the Fire/Rescue**

**H. Motion authorizing the Chairman to sign the ACCG Safety Discount Verification Forms**

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**D. Side Arm Mowing Tractors:** Jason Jordan presented the item stating that at the last Regular Meeting the Board voted to allow the purchase of a Purpose Built Mowing Tractor with a 5 year warranty. When it was time to close the transaction the company could only offer a one year warranty rather than the five year so staff made the decision to rebid for another tractor with a side arm mower. The prices are the same as they quoted for the one we did purchase from them as a result of last month's vote on this particular type of mowing tractor. Case could not get another 120 Horse power so they offer a 140 Horse power at the same price of \$121,000. The John Deere that was bid is an 89 Horse power for \$118,000. Motion was made by Commissioner Stalnaker to rescind the previous motion to purchase the Purpose Built mower from the August 2016 meeting and approve the purchase of a side arm mower from Case in the amount of \$121,000, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

**F. Memorandum Agreement with City of Omega and Ty Ty for Fire Suppression:** Joey Fowler went over the recommendation of the Board for the Memorandum Agreements for the City of Ty Ty and Omega. Both documents read the same for the service for both entities and the Board needs to approve the documents. Motion was made by Commissioner Wood to approve the Memorandum Agreements to provide Fire Suppression for the City of Ty Ty and Omega, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**G. Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:** Motion was made by Commissioner Setters

to approve the updates for the Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. Revised Credit Card Policy:** Motion to table the Credit Card Policy for further information was made by Commissioner Hughes, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried with a 4 to 2 vote. Commissioners Stalnaker and Setters voted against.

**J. Appoint Voting Delegate for the Legislative Conference:** Motion was made by Commissioner Stalnaker to appoint Vice Chairman Hughes as the Voting Delegate for the County for the Legislative Conference, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**K. Road Name Change from Jeffery Lane to Atwater Lane:** Motion was made by Commissioner Hester to leave the road name as it is now, Jeffery Lane, seconded by Vice Chairman Hughes. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Special Street Light Tax District for Deer Ridge Subdivision:** Motion was made by Vice Chairman Hughes to approve Deer Ridge Subdivision as a Special Street Light Tax District, seconded by Commissioner Hester. Motion carried unanimously.

**County Managers Comments:** County Attorney called for an Executive Session for Legal.

**Commissioners Comments:**

**Executive Session:** Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal was made by Commissioner Stalnaker, seconded by Commissioner Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, Motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Melissa Hughes, District 2

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Stan Stalnaker, Dist. 4

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Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

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Commissioner Greg Wood, District 6

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glynda Hemby, County Clerk  
9/12/2016